

## Letter 1

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The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3011

Dear Congressman Frelinghuysen:

Thank you for your letter of welcome and the matter concerning aircraft noise for your New Jersey constituents.

Opening paragraph doesn't make sense. No bottom line.

I look forward to working with you and other elected officials during my tenure as Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration.

I am aware of the National Airspace Redesign and that the New Jersey, New York, and Philadelphia areas are the cornerstone of this huge endeavor. As you know, the goals of the airspace redesign all relate to the improvement of the National Airspace System, while maintaining the highest degree of safety.

Using passive verbs disguises who will consider noise concerns.

I understand the sensitivity of the public in general, and your constituency in particular, to aircraft noise. Although the reduction of aircraft noise is not one of the primary goals of the airspace redesign, the National Environmental Policy Act requires it to be addressed as one of the environmental impact categories. Therefore, you can be assured that wherever possible aircraft noise concerns will be considered.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to give me or David Balloff, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, a call at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

Marion C. Blakey  
Administrator